ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

Cemetery of Mount Auburn,

TOGETHER WITH THE

REPORTS

OF THE

TREASURER AND SUPERINTENDENT.

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TRUSTEES.

JOHN T. BRADLEE, HENRY W. PICKERING,	Term expires in 1877.
EDWARD LAWRENCE, CHARLES F. CHOATE,	" " " 1878.
JACOB BIGELOW, JAMES L. LITTLE,	" " " 1879.
ISRAEL M. SPELMAN, SAMUEL T. SNOW,	" " " 1880.
THOMAS M. BREWER, WILLIAM PERKINS,	" " " 1881.
NATHANIEL J. BRADLEE, T. QUINCY BROWNE,	" " " 1882.

PRESIDENT.

ISRAEL M. SPELMAN.

TREASURER.

H. B. MACKINTOSH.

SECRETARY.

J. HARRIS REED.

SUPERINTENDENT.

JAMES W. LOVERING.

F. C. CHILDS, *Clerk.*

L. L. BROWN, *Surveyor.*

C. McARTHUR, *Foreman.*

A. A. BARKER, *Supt. of Interments.*

GARDENER.

JOSEPH COLLINS.

Office of the Corporation.

16 PEMBERTON SQ., BOSTON.

Office of the Superintendent.

AT THE CEMETERY.

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Orders for work on Lots may be given at either Office, or sent by mail to SUPERINTENDENT, *at the Cemetery.*

REPORT.

IMPROVEMENTS have been steadily prosecuted in the cemetery during the past year. In the new part much labor has been expended in shaping the ground, filling up hollows, preparing and ballasting avenues and paths. The avenue parallel with the new iron fence has been completed, and the space between that avenue and the fence graded, grassed over, and planted with trees.

In the old cemetery the grading around and near Halcyon lake has been finished, and shade trees and ornamental shrubs planted. The whole space thus far assigned for small lots between Althæa and Clethra paths has been put in order for that purpose. The low area between Fountain avenue and the bank which slopes down from the lots on Lime avenue has been raised and graded. The Indian Ridge path has been put in order. The land near the east gate, which was formerly low and wet, has been raised and graded, and there is now in this locality about one-third of an acre available for lots, which was formerly useless. Spruce avenue is now believed to be thoroughly drained. This result has been accomplished by the sinking of deep ditches filled with stone, by which the surface water is conveyed through the clay sub-stratum to the water-level below. Three thousand two hundred and ninety-seven feet of new gutters have been paved; seven hundred and seventy-five feet of old gutters relaid; and twenty-five new cesspools constructed.

To meet the requisitions of proprietors, a want long felt has been supplied by the completion of the Receiving Tomb on Rosebay avenue and under the Indian Ridge path. The granite front and vestibule were commenced several years ago, and one section of the catacombs partially completed. The work was resumed the present year, the original plan having been somewhat modified, and the tomb has been finished and is now ready for use. As now built, it consists of a vestibule seventeen feet square, arched with brick and floored with colored tiles; the side panels of the brick-work are also ornamented with tiles. From the vestibule opens an arched hall forty-five feet in length by ten feet in width, similarly paved with tiles, and ventilated and lighted from above, and also by a circular, stained-glass window at the extreme end of the hall. Beneath this window is ornamental tile-work in the shape of a Greek cross. The cells or columbaria are constructed on each side of this hall, and are one hundred and twenty-eight in number varying in size from 36 by 24 inches to 27, by 20 inches. The doors of the cells are of white marble, with composition handles, and the facings are of Castleton slate.

Between the vestibule and the hall are two light iron gates, and the front entrance is closed by massive iron doors of open work, so arranged that, by the addition of iron sheeting, they can be made perfectly tight in the winter season. Although light is sufficiently admitted for all ordinary purposes in the day-time, gas-fixtures have been provided to meet the contingencies of cloudy weather and dark afternoons. The cost of the completion will not exceed ten thousand five hundred dollars.

The dispute with the town of Watertown in regard to

the taxation of the Wattriss and Chant lots has been finally adjusted. These lots were supposed by the trustees to have been legally annexed, and to have become a part of the cemetery in accordance with the words and intent of our acts of incorporation. Nevertheless, the town claimed the right to assess an annual tax, and continued to do so, on the ground that their consent to the devotion of these lots to cemetery purposes had not been given, as required by the statute. The question of our liability to pay the back taxes thus assessed was by mutual consent referred to Hon. E. R. Hoar, whose decision was to be final. The result was against us. To obviate any further difficulty of this kind, the trustees determined to apply to the General Court for such further legislation as should clearly define the position of the corporation in regard to taxation. A satisfactory arrangement having been made with the town of Watertown, and all objection on their part withdrawn, an act in addition to the acts to incorporate the proprietors of Mount Auburn Cemetery was accordingly passed at the last session of the legislature. This act is printed in the appendix to this report. The first section extends the rights of proprietors to owners of lots of not less than 100 square feet. The remainder of the act relates to exemption from taxation.

It will be seen that the first section requires the assent of the present proprietors; and accordingly notice has been given in the call of this meeting that this question will be presented for your acceptance or rejection.

The receipts from sales of lots have fallen off largely during the past year. In 1875 they amounted to $32,724.50; in 1876, only to $15,640.50. This is doubtless owing to the general business depression of the year, and the en-

forced individual economy in expenditures which has been its necessary result. Should this diminution in sales continue, the trustees will feel obliged to suspend, for the present, further improvements in the cemetery, and confine themselves rigidly to the ordinary expenditures necessary to keeping the grounds and the property in good order. Fortunately, they will be the better able to do this that there are now a sufficiently large number of lots graded and prepared, the result of improvements already made, to meet the wants of purchasers.

The permanent fund, by the payment of $4,236.54, has reached, during the past year, the amount of two hundred thousand dollars. With the next year commences the accumulation of the three hundred thousand dollars additional, which was ordered by the trustees and reported at the last annual meeting. It will be remembered that one-third of the annual sales was to be devoted to this purpose.

The sum of $20,962.16 has been added to the fund for endowments for perpetual care of lots during the past year, making the total amount $161,292.68.

The attention of the proprietors is called to the large number of lots unrepresented. There are now *four hundred and two lots* which have no authorized representative.

For the Trustees,

ISRAEL M. SPELMAN,
President.

BOSTON, January, 1877.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Trustees of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn: —

GENTLEMEN, — I have the honor to present herewith the Annual Report of the Superintendent, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1876.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Number of New Lots graded and bounded with Granite Posts	68
" " Old Lots improved by being graded and sodded	41
" " Old Lots bounded with Granite Posts	4
" " Lots enclosed with Granite	11
" " Lots furnished with Granite or Iron Numbers	76
" " Tombs built	1
" " Headstones erected	176
" " Monuments erected	26
" " Cesspools built	25
" " Linear feet of Gutters paved	3,297
" " Linear feet of Gutters repaved	775
" " Iron Fences removed	10
" " Hedges removed	4

INTERMENT RECORD.

Total number of Interments, as per last Report		19,900
Number of Original Interments for year ending Dec. 31, 1876	522	
" " Removals from other Cemeteries	57	
Total number of Interments for the year		579
" " " " in Cemetery		20,479
Of the above there were Deposits in the Receiving Tomb	31	
" " " " " Interments in Public Lots	27	

THE REMOVALS WITHIN AND FROM THE CEMETERY WERE AS FOLLOWS:

To Receiving Tomb Lot	0	
" Public Lots	3	
" Private Lots	65	
Total removals within the Cemetery		68
" " from the Cemetery		23
Total number of Removals		91

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LOVERING,

Superintendent of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn.

MOUNT AUBURN, Dec. 31, 1876.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The TREASURER *reports the following Abstracts of* RECEIPTS *and* EXPENDITURES *for the Forty-fifth Year*, 1876 :

Cash balance from preceding year			$2,300 95
He has received from sundry parties : —			
For sale of Lots and Graves in Public Lots	$15,649 50		
" Deeds and Transfers, etc.	182 50		
" Labor and Materials, as follows : —			
Interments and Brick Graves	6,678 15		
Wood, Iron, Hay, etc.	465 01		
Greenhouse sales	189 98		
Annual care of Lots	20,058 60		
Filling, grading, sodding, and other improvements of Lots	14,034 45		
		$57,258 19	
From Massachusetts Hospital Life Ins. Co. : —			
For Income On Permanent Fund		7,310 62	
From Temporary Loan		10,000 00	
" notes payable		40,000 00	
" Massachusetts Horticultural Society : —			
For one-quarter part of Expenditures, as follows : —			
Grading between Althaea and Clethra Paths	$420 97		
" " Spruce and Mound Avenues	223 28		
" near Halcyon Lake	635 69		
" on Fountain Avenue and near Lime	1,359 00		
" Land on Stone Farm	8,643 65		
Expended on new Receiving Tomb	9,539 93		
	$20,822 52		
Amount paid Town of Watertown for permit to use Lands for Burial purposes, Taxes, etc.	3,134 20		
	$23,956 72		
One-quarter of $23,956.72 is	$5,989 18		
Less amount carried to new account	2,590 31		
		3,398 87	
			117,967 68
			$120,268 63

He has paid to sundry parties, for Labor and Materials: —

Bricks	$571 70	
Cart and Carriage Repairs, Horse-shoeing	362 80	
Coal for Engine, Chapel, and Greenhouse	824 50	
Cutting Granite	395 58	
Carpentering	455 28	
Cesspools and Drains	159 21	
Drawbacks	357 00	
Engineering, Surveying and Copying Plans	1,272 42	
Freight and Carting	133 61	
Granite and Block Stone	466 54	
Granite Posts	519 79	
Grain, Meal and Hay	887 63	
Hardware	319 67	
Harness Repairs	142 45	
Iron and Steel	40 22	
Interment Department	115 72	
Lumber and Sawing	278 84	
Lead	79 77	
Lime and Cement	311 95	
Manure and Loam	2,454 91	
Marble and Marble Work	7 00	
Pay Roll	36,390 67	
Pots, Vases, Plants for Greenhouse and Cemetery, Birds	1,088 62	
Paints and Oils	284 39	
Repairs Engine-house, Engine and Pumps	35 94	
Repairs of Buildings	16 20	
Repairs of Greenhouses	80 93	
Sundry Expenses at Gate-office	42 96	
Slates and Flagging	1,038 46	
Smith Work	141 67	
Sods	2,784 03	
Sundries	549 47	
Tools	585 06	
Water Rates	311 77	
Iron Safe	400 00	
		$53,906 76
To amount paid for Receiving Tomb		9,539 93
Amount carried forward		$63,446 69

Amount brought forward.....		$63,446 69
For Expenses — Salaries:		
J. W. Lovering, Superintendent.....	$2,500 00	
H. B. Mackintosh, Treasurer.....	2,250 00	
Samuel Batchelder, Jr., Secretary.....	875 00	
J. Harris Reed, Secretary.....	625 00	
		$6,250 00
Rent, Heating, Lighting and care of Office ..	$924 36	
Taxes on Real Estate.....	861 70	
Printing, Binding, Stationery	1,085 88	
Postage Stamps and Government Envelopes,	280 46	
Sundries.....	103 23	
		$3,255 63
To amount paid Mass. Horticultural Society for its proportion of Sales..		3,398 87
" " " Interest on Loans.....		917 36
" " " Temporary Loan.....		10,000 00
" " " Notes Payable.....		20,000 00
" " " For Lot and Graves in Public Lots repurchased.....		654 00
" " " Town of Watertown for Permit to use Lands for Burial Purposes, Taxes, etc.....		3,134 20
Balance in hands of Treasurer.....		9,211 88
		$120,268 63

Receipts and Expenditures of the Repair Fund.

Balance in hands of Treasurer, as per last Report.....		$24,491 69
He has received: —		
For Endowments.....		18,080 50
" Income of Investments.....		7,468 49
" U. S. Bonds.....		2,584 67
" Notes Receivable.....		15,000 00
" Loan		10,000 00
" Boston & Albany R. R. Stock		2,665 00
" Fitchburg R. R. Stock.....		2,200 00
" Boston & Albany R. R. Bonds.....		10,755 00
		$93,245 35

He has paid for said Account: —

For Care and Improvements of Lots	$5,610 58	
" Loan	10,000 00	
" Notes Receivable	15,000 00	
Balance in hands of Treasurer	62,634 77	
		$93,245 35

Repair Fund.

PROPERTY.

Endowments received for perpetual Repair of Lots as per last Report	$140,330 52	
Additions during the year	20,962 16	
		$161,292 68

Invested as follows: —

Notes Receivable, secured by Mortgage	$31,000 00	
$36,000 U. S. 5-20 Bonds	36,847 91	
$23,000 Boston City Bonds	22,710 00	
30 shares Atlas National Bank, cost	2,970 00	
20 " Atlantic National Bank, cost	2,700 00	
20 " Shawmut Bank, cost	2,430 00	
Cash in hands of Treasurer	62,634 77	
		$161,292 68

General Fund.

CASH ASSETS.

Cash in hands of Treasurer		$9,211 88	
Bills for Labor and Material uncollected	$15,466 25		
Less due sundry parties for labor and material	3,698 44		
		11,767 81	
Due from Mass. Hort. Soc. Balance of Account,		2,590 31	
Amount due for Lots sold and unpaid, net		3,039 49	
			$26,609 49

Permanent Fund.

Deposited with Mass. Hospital Life Ins. Co. as per last report		$195,763 49	
Income of same for 1876	$11,547 13		
Less amount carried to General Income account,	7,310 62	4,236 51	$200,000 00

ALSO, Deposit in Trust, with Mass. Hospital Life Insurance Company, Policy No. 3,594 for $6,330, payable, on the decease of certain parties, to the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn, for perpetual care of a certain Lot.

THE OTHER PROPERTY OF THE CORPORATION

Consists of nearly 136 acres of Cemetery grounds with avenues and paths, water-works for the supply of fountains and watering purposes, and underground pipes and drains, Chapel and Statuary, Observatory, Receiving Tomb, Gateway, and other structures; Reception House, and 5,626 feet of land on Mt. Auburn Street; Superintendent's House, Greenhouses, and 64,176 feet between Brattle and Mt. Auburn Streets, and the Stone Meadow on the east side of Coolidge Avenue, containing about five acres, on which are located the Stables and other buildings.

Respectfully submitted,

BOSTON, Jan. 20, 1877. H. B. MACKINTOSH, *Treasurer.*

This certifies that we have examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer of the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn, for the year Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-six, and have found them correctly kept and properly balanced, with satisfactory vouchers for all payments.

The Certificates of Stock and other evidences of property were found in accordance with the statement of his accounts.

In the General Account there appears to be a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of $9,211 88; and in the Fund for Repairs, $62,634.77.

JAMES L. LITTLE,
T. QUINCY BROWNE, } *Committee on Finance.*

BOSTON, Jan. 24, 1877.

APPENDIX.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE PROPRIETORS OF THE CEMETERY OF MOUNT AUBURN. *Chap.* 125

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

Owners of lots containing one hundred square feet, to become members of the corporation.

SECTION 1. All persons who now are, or shall hereafter become proprietors of lots in the Cemetery of Mount Auburn of a size not less than one hundred square feet each, shall thereby become members of the corporation known as the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn: *Provided*, that this section shall not take effect until accepted by said corporation at a meeting called for the purpose.

Proviso.

Corporation may annex to Cemetery all its lands within present inclosure.

SECTION 2. The said corporation may, by vote of its trustees, annex to its Cemetery, and use, for the purposes set forth in its charter, all the lands now owned by it and included within the present inclosure with its Cemetery; and the said lands and any structure or thing now or hereafter erected or placed thereon, and used solely for the purposes set forth in said charter, for the repair, improvement, preservation, and embellishment of said Cemetery, and the lots of proprietors therein, shall thereby become a part of said Cemetery, except stables or workshops and their contents; and the said corporation, within thirty days after the passage of this act, shall file in the registry of deeds for the southern district of the county of Middlesex, a plan of the lands now owned by it and included within the present inclosure with its Cemetery.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved April 7, 1876.